Assistance of professional for implementation of MNIC

†1466. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:

SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to states

(a) whether Government proposes to launch a project to issue multi-purpose identity card to all the citizens of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to seek assistance from professionals of public and private sectors for expertise functions of the project for proper implementation of the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when all the citizens of the country will be issued such identity cards in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) The Government has decided to create a National Population Register (NPR) in the country by collecting information on specific characteristics of each individual alongwith Census 2011. The NPR Schedule would be canvassed during the Houselisting and Housing Census during April-September, 2010. Later, photographs and finger prints of all those who are 15 years of age and above will be captured.

As one of the measures to strengthen coastal security, creation of NPR, for the coastal villages in all the 9 Maritime States, namely, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal and 4 Union Territories (UTs), namely, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Pudducherry has been undertaken. The work of direct data collection to map a population of over 1.2 crore in the coastal villages is under progress. An expert group in the National Informatics Centre (NIC) is advising the Government on the setting up of IT Hardware required for this purpose. Consortium of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) has been engaged for the work. So far, personal details of more than 38 lakh people and photographs / fingerprints of around 7 lakh persons of age 15 and above have been collected.

Police officials allowed by US to question Mr. Headley

1467. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the police officials from our country have been allowed by the Federal Bureau of investigations, USA to question Mr. Headley;

(b) whether there is any agreement between two Governments to question the alleged person who committed crime in India; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(c) whether Government had allowed on previous occasions the FBI or CIA to question any accused person who committed the crime in our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) As per available information, no police official has been deputed yet to visit USA to question David Coleman Headley.

(b) and (c) There exists a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty in criminal matters between India and the USA. Cooperation is extended in terms of the provisions of this Treaty, on a case to case basis.

NGOs in North East

1468. SHRI O. T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) operating in small States particularly in North-East could reap the benefits generally available to NGO in view of the lack of awareness in them about the procedure;

(b) if so, the benefits of grants, if any, made available to the NGOs operating in North-Eastern region particularly in Sikkim during the last three years; and

(c) how does the benefits or grants availed by these States fare with the grants/benefits availed by big States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Report of central team on Andhra Pradesh floods

1469. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the central Team which was to visit the flood and drought affected districts of Andhra Pradesh had visited the State;

(b) if so, the details of report submitted by the Team for relief and rehabilitation in the State;

(c) the amount of assistance recommended by the Team; and

(d) the details of action that has been contemplated or proposed to be taken in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) Upon receipt of a memorandum from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, seeking financial assistance for floods of Sept.-October 2009, an Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited the affected areas for an on-the-spot assessment on 26th - 29th October, 2009. The